

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the two paragraphs on page 1, lines 6 to 20 with the following paragraphs:

This application is related to co-pending US Patent Application Serial No. [ ] 10/732,781 (~~IBM Docket No. AUS920030335US4~~), entitled A SPEECH IMPROVING APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND METHOD by the inventors herein, filed on even date herewith and assigned to the common assignee of this application.

This application is also related to co-pending US Patent Application Serial No. [ ] 10/671,081 (~~IBM Docket No. AUS920030585US4~~), entitled TRANSLATING EMOTION TO BRAILLE, EMOTICONS AND OTHER SPECIAL SYMBOLS by Janakiraman et al., filed on September 25, 2003 and assigned to the common assignee of this application, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.